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As the June 9 fire in the Boyd-McGuinness Senior Citizens Building demonstrates, installing fire sprinklers an important step to help protect citizens and their property in the event of a fire. Fire sprinklers quickly extinguished the fire, lessening instances of injury while drastically reducing property damage. This is the second fire sprinkler save to occur within a month, as the May 23 fire in the St. Peter's College dorm room was doused and extinguished immediately by the building's sprinkler system.

In many cases, properly installed and maintained fire sprinklers control and possibly even extinguish a fire before the Fire Department even arrives on the scene. More importantly, the presence of fire sprinklers mitigates the risk to individuals affected by the blaze, including firefighters who battle the fire.

Fire sprinklers are the only proactive form of fire protection providing firefighters the time they need to do their jobs effectively and as safely as possible, and helping to avoid potential tragedies.